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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed February 14, 2001, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group VII and traverse the restriction requirement for the reasons set forth in the following remarks. In addition, for the reasons explained below, Applicants request, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, reconsideration and modification of the restriction requirement to the following restriction groups: Group I (Examiner's Groups VII-XIV: Claims 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, and 16-31), Group II (Examiner's Groups XXV-XXXI: Claim 34), Group III (Examiner's Groups XV-XIX: Claim 32), Group IV (Examiner's Groups XX-XXIV: Claim 33), and Group V (Examiner's Groups I-VI: